

become convinced that it was bad news. Much is being done now to undo the disservice of evolution's earlier camp-followers, and of the new commentators on the true gospel one of the worthiest is J. Arthur Thomson. His already well-known gifts of lucidity in popular presentation of scientific facts and genial humanism in commenting on them are sufficient bush for the wine of this now book.

OUTLINE OF CHRISTIANITY. The Story of Our Civilization. In five volumes. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 published. New York: Dodd, Mead and Company.

This is an age of "outlines", that is of comprehensive surveys that aim to bring together the results of the highly specialized researches of previous decades in history and science. In no field is such a synthesis more needed than in religion where diversity of aspects and sectarian distinctions conceal the inner unity and course of development.

This stupendous work has been carried out under the auspices of editorial and advisory boards numbering over a hundred, and including scholars in all fields and representatives of all the branches of Christian faith. Yet the management of many minds has not resulted in nullification of opinion or tameness of style.

The narrative sticks close to the facts of history as revealed by modern scholarship, and varying views on vexed questions are presented fairly and treated tolerantly. It is informative rather than polemical, and constructive rather than critical. Its scholarly substructure is skilfully concealed, and in most of the chapters the style runs smoothly. It is handsomely illustrated. The first volume deals with the life of Christ and with his followers of the first century. The second describes the growth of the Catholic Church and its external and internal antagonists during fifteen hundred years. The third deals with the Reformation and the various denominations arising out of it. The fourth volume will discuss the relation of Christianity to science and other forms of modern thought, and the fifth will show how Christianity aims to solve the vital problems of today and tomorrow.

It is useless to say that this "Outline of Christianity" is the best book of its kind, because it is the only book of its kind. It summarizes the information that every thoughtful person needs to know, whatever may be his personal religious faith.

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MANUAL OF INJURIOUS INSECTS. By Glenn W. Herrick. New York: Henry Holt and Company. 1926. \$4.50.

Students of agriculture and horticulture and workers in the experiment stations will find this a most useful volume to have about; it is, indeed, excellently adapted as a text for some courses. The treatment is concise and straightforward, and the illustrations accurate and very well done. In addition to the main discussion of crop and orchard pests, there are also adequate treatments of household pests, methods of insect control, and insects useful to man.
